SETTING UP OF CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION BY CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

3339. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation is planning to set up container freight stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Corporation is also planning to have container repairing and servicing facilities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The Central Warehousing Corporation is already operating Container Freight Stations at Sidalaj (Ahmedabad), Bhandup (Bombay), Sanathnagar (Hyderbad), J. N. Port, Kalamboli (New Bombay), Royapuram (Madras) Virugambakkam (Madras), Pune (Maharashtra), Parpargani (Delhi) and Ludhiana (joint Venture with Freight SWC) The Corporation is also developing Container Freight Stations at Calcutta (West Bengal), Dronagiri Node (New Bombay), Kandla (Gujarat), Surat (Gujarat) Nasik (Maharashtra), Udaipur (Rajasthan) and Madhavaram (Madras).

(c) and (d) The Corporation is planning to develop repairing and servicing facilities in India for International Standard Organisation (ISO) Containers at a few selected Container Freight Stations. The Corporation is having discussions in this regard with the Bridge & Roof Company (India), which is a subsidiary of Bharat Yantra Nigam Ltd., a Government of India enterprise.

INCREASE OF WHEAT PRICES

3340. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Warehousing a good monsoon for the sixth successive year, grain prices are soaring;

(b) whether the price of wheat has increased by 4.3 percent and that of rice by 2.3 percent in the past one month alone ; and

(c) if so, what are the causes of such increases in the price of grain which affect the buyers of food, including millions of landless labourers and urban poor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) During the last 4 weeks ending 4-12-1993, the wholesale prices of sub-group cereals have shown a marginal rise of 0.2 percent when measured in terms of variation in the wholesale Price Index Numbers.

(b) The percentage variation in the WPI of wheat and rice during different intervals of 4 weeks ending 4-12-1993 are as under :—

	Wheat	Rice
Over 1 week	+0.5	—0.6
over fortnight	+1.3	—0.5
Over 4 week	+1.4	—0.8

(c) The difference between the prices of wheat and rice under PDS and market price being very marginal, the pressure of demand on foodgrains in the open market has continued to be more. The rise in prices is also due to revision in the Minimum Support Price of wheat and paddy during the year.

देश में खाद्य और पोषण विस्तार केन्द्र

3341. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में खाद्य और पोषण विस्तार केन्द्रों को सुदृढ़ करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार सामुदायिक खाद्य और पोषण विस्तार केन्द्रों के लाभों के प्रति उपभोक्ताओं में जागरूकता पैदा करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो मध्य प्रदेश के संदर्भ में इस संबंध में अब तक उठाये गये कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती वासव राजेश्वरी) : (क) खाद्य एवं पोषाहार बोर्ड के खाद्य एवं पोषाहार विस्तार केन्द्रों में 34 चल विस्तार एककों को सम्मिलित करके इन्हें सुदृढ़ बनाया गया है और इन्हें समुदाय खाद्य एवं पोषाहार विस्तार एकक का नाम दिया गया है। इन इकाइयों तथा महिलाओं और बच्चों के लिए पोषाहार कार्यक्रमों के बीच निकट संपर्क स्थापित किया गया है। इन स्थानीय क्षेत्रीय इकाइयों का, पोषाहार शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में कार्यरत गैर-सरकारी संगठनों के साथ सामंजस्य स्थापित करने का कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है। पोषाहार संबंधी कारगर शिक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए इनमें से कुछ क्षेत्रीय इकाइयों को श्रव्य-दृश्य उपकरण उपलब्ध कराए गए हैं।

(ख) और (ग) जी, हां। मध्य प्रदेश तीन क्षेत्रीय इकाइयां हैं, जो भोपाल, जबलपुर और रायपुर में हैं, पोषपत्रों, पोस्टरों, हैंडबिलों का वितरण करके और व्यक्तिगत संपर्क द्वारा इन क्षेत्रीय इकाइयों और इनके कार्यकलापों के बारे में जानकारी दी गई है। सितम्बर, 1993 के पहले सप्ताह में, इन इकाइयों ने राष्ट्रीय पोषाहार सप्ताह मनाया तथा पोषाहार पर विशेष प्रदर्शनियों का आयोजन किया।

RECOMMENDATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR SUGAR FACTORIES

3342. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of licences for new sugar factories recommended by the Ministry of Food during the calendar year 1993 to Ministry of Industry Statewise and Districtwise;

(b) whether it is a fact that cases recommended for grant of new licences for setting up new sugar factories, State Government's recommendations have been overlocked without assigning any proper reasons, if so the details thereof, Statewise and Districtwise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that prescribed guidelines for establishing new sugar factories have been violated by the Ministry of Food If so, the reasons and the districtwise details ; and

(d) the number of parties those have challenged the new licences recommendations in the court of law for violating the guidelines alongwith the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) 39 cases have been recommended by the Ministry of Food during the calendar year 1993 to Ministry of Industry for grant of Letters of Intents for setting up of new sugar factories. A statement giving the State-wise and District-wise position is given in the enclosed Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) The Screening Committee formulated its recommendations based on the data